

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 7, 12, 13 and 16 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,175,840 to Chen et al., hereinafter "Chen". Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 provides a method for indicating the location of time dependent video hypervideo hyperlinks to a user. The method includes displaying a video presentation, including a hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region, on at least a portion of a display device screen, and providing the user, at time of viewing, with at least one user selectable display attribute for the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region. The at least one of the user selectable display attribute includes at least one of: displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format.

Chen discloses a method that includes displaying a motion video presentation on a first portion of a display device, where the device presentation includes a hot link region, and displaying an indication of the presence of the hot link region in the video presentation (col. 2, lines 38-45). The method may also include altering a visual attribute of at least a portion of the hot link region when a user manipulatable cursor is within the first portion (col. 2, lines 46-49). The video is contained within a display window. If the cursor is inside the display window when a hot-link is in the video, that region is high-lighted by either a color change or an easily observed border (col. 3, lines 45-48).

Chen discloses a hot-link region highlighted by either a color change or an easily observed border. However, Chen does not disclose displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, or displaying the hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Chen does not disclose or suggest a method for indicating the location of hypervideo hyperlinks to a user, "wherein at least one of said user selectable display attribute comprises at least one of displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in gray scale only format, and displaying said hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region in reverse-color mode format," as recited in claim 1. Thus, Chen does not disclose or suggest the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Chen.

Claims 6, 11 and 15 include recitals similar to those provided in claim 1. For at least reasoning provided in support of the patentability of claim 1, claims 6, 11 and 15 are also patentable over Chen.

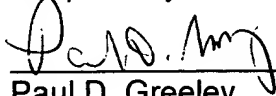
Claims 3-5 depend from claim 1, claims 8-10 depend from claim 6, claim 14 depend from claim 11, and claim 17 depends from claim 15. For at least reasoning provided in support of the patentability of claims 1, 6, 11 and 15, claims 3-5, 8-10, 12 and 17 are also patentable over Chen.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen is overcome. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

An indication of the allowability of all pending claims by issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

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